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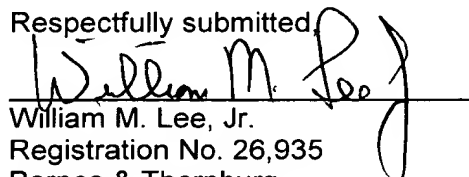
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 1 month to respond to the Office Action of October 27, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than February 27, 2004.

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